



# PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

## 2006 State Report

### Texas

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The Honorable Rick Perry  
Governor  
P.O. Box 12428  
Austin, TX 78711-2428

Dear Governor Perry:

We are pleased to provide you with this first Annual State Report presented by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

The State Report provides a summary of your state's commitment to the President's Volunteer Service Award Program since its inception in 2004. The Council works in partnership with businesses, nonprofit groups, schools, and other organizations across the country to honor local volunteers with the Award. More than 16,000 organizations across the nation have recognized over 400,000 Americans with this honor.

Citizens of all ages and backgrounds are giving of their time and talents to improve lives and strengthen communities. In 2005, more than 65 million Americans volunteered to help their neighbors and communities through service. The President's Volunteer Service Award is one way we pay tribute to these volunteers.

The Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States to recognize the best in American spirit, and to encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service. The Award is given to individuals, families, and groups that have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over the course of a 12-month period.

Today, we challenge you to help advance this national volunteer recognition movement and celebrate the volunteer contributions of your residents especially during National Volunteer Week. I hope your office will join us in honoring your state's most valuable assets – volunteers.

Sincerely,

Kari Dunn  
Executive Director

**PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD STATISTICS**  
**October 1, 2004 – April 14, 2006**

**National Statistics**

Number of Certifying Organizations		Number of Awards Presented					
2006	1,510		<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Lifetime</b>	<b>Total</b>
2005	7,682	<b>2006</b>	36,163	18,554	28,093	11,090	<b>93,900</b>
2004	6,418	<b>2005</b>	73,851	37,847	55,972	32,197	<b>199,867</b>
2003	1,385	<b>2004</b>	38,686	26,436	34,040	11,538	<b>110,700</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,995</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>148,700</b>	<b>82,837</b>	<b>118,105</b>	<b>54,825</b>	<b>404,467</b>

  

Hours Served by Awardees (By Age)					
	<b>Ages 5-14</b>	<b>Ages 15-25</b>	<b>Ages 26-64</b>	<b>Ages 65+</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2006</b>	859,503	3,852,879	72,125,017	70,247,750	<b>147,662,149</b>
<b>2005</b>	2,074,400	6,990,129	31,029,401	79,432,771	<b>119,526,701</b>
<b>2004</b>	290,654	747,079	8,451,545	56,811,121	<b>66,300,399</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,224,557</b>	<b>11,590,087</b>	<b>111,605,963</b>	<b>207,068,642</b>	<b>333,489,249</b>

  

Number of Awards in Presidential Priority Service Area				
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Youth Achievement</b>	20,493	46,725	9,924	<b>77,142</b>
<b>Parks and Open Space</b>	4,033	4,175	515	<b>8,723</b>
<b>Healthy Communities</b>	70,115	88,442	32,186	<b>190,743</b>
<b>Public Safety and Emergency Response</b>	12,013	8,113	1,198	<b>21,324</b>

**Texas' Statistics**

**Since 2004, 18,098 citizens of Texas have received the PVSA recognizing 15,307,771 hours of service.**

Number of Certifying Organizations		Number of Awards Presented					
2006	112		<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Lifetime</b>	<b>Total</b>
2005	587	<b>2006</b>	2,785	1,324	1,690	720	<b>6,519</b>
2004	538	<b>2005</b>	4,482	1,833	2,906	619	<b>9,840</b>
2003	101	<b>2004</b>	749	295	329	366	<b>1,739</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,016</b>	<b>3,452</b>	<b>4,925</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>18,098</b>

  

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<b>2006</b>	70,414	349,105	967,450	3,854,722	<b>5,513,827</b>
<b>2005</b>	206,243	502,995	1,352,294	5,141,926	<b>7,203,854</b>
<b>2004</b>	27,863	43,674	574,245	1,941,923	<b>2,590,090</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>304,520</b>	<b>895,774</b>	<b>2,893,989</b>	<b>10,938,571</b>	<b>15,307,771</b>

## Award recipients in your state:

### Stacy Velarde (Dallas, TX)

*Certified by: Queen for a Day Dallas*

Stacy has been volunteering her time since the early age of 6. She has devoted countless hours to many different charities, but the ones closest to her heart have been cancer charities. This was due, in part to a terminal diagnosis of lymphoma in 1996. Stacy overcame her diagnosis and continued to volunteer her time for other charities. This was until her five year survival date, September 11, 2001. The day that changed the world, made her very aware of what she needed to do. Since that time, she has encouraged countless individuals to join Team in Training, the number one fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Stacy thought she would take her message of volunteerism on the road, and began entering pageants, at the age of 36. She is now the reigning Mrs. Universal Achievement and tours the United States speaking about the importance of volunteerism and cancer survival.

### Yvette Darby (Cleburne, TX)

*Certified by: Cleburne Independent School District*

Although Yvette Darby retired from public education after 23 years in the classroom, her role as teacher did not end. Darby was recently presented with the President's Volunteer Service Award for the 144 hours she gave to Cleburne ISD's TEAM School, teaching Spanish and tutoring students working on their high school foreign language credit. The retired teacher, who taught both Spanish and French during her years at Cleburne High School and was also chairman of the Foreign Language Department, was one of seven individuals honored for the number of volunteer hours they gave to CISD students and teachers in the 2004-2005 school year.



## How you can use the President's Volunteer Service Award in your state:

- On your state's website, promote your state's President's Volunteer Service Award winners, and include a link and banner for the President's Volunteer Service Award.
- Issue a press release highlighting outstanding volunteers and encouraging others to volunteer and aspire to receive the President's Volunteer Service Award. For a sample press release, please visit [www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nvw/tools.cfm](http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nvw/tools.cfm)
- Challenge local and state governmental offices to register as Certifying Organizations for the President's Volunteer Service Award and issue 25 Awards by 2007 National Volunteer Week
- Encourage organizations (e.g., nonprofits and businesses) to sign up as Award partner organizations by distributing a special invitation during National Volunteer Week
- Whether or not you have a governor's volunteer awards program, consider partnering with us to deliver a statewide volunteer recognition program modeled after the President's Volunteer Service Award. For an example of a state's volunteer award program, please visit <http://www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov/S/California/>
- Register your state as a Certifying Organization and start recognizing your volunteers with this Presidential recognition. For more details, please contact Tomme Beevas at 202-729-8018 or [TBeevas@PointsofLight.org](mailto:TBeevas@PointsofLight.org).

## About the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation:

President George W. Bush established USA Freedom Corps in January of 2002, and he called on all Americans to serve a cause greater than themselves. One year later, he created the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to help recognize the contributions of America's volunteers. The Council strives to promote and recognize outstanding volunteer service and raise awareness of the many ways in which Americans can help meet the needs of individuals within their communities and around the world. The Council brings together leaders from business, entertainment, sports, education, government, nonprofits, and the media, each of whom has demonstrated a commitment to service and volunteering in his or her own life. For more information about the President's Council and its members, please visit [www.volunteer.gov](http://www.volunteer.gov).